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City of Falls Church Receives Funds for Water Quality Improvement Demonstration Projects

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The City of Falls Church has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,480 to install stormwater pollutant control demonstration projects at two City properties. The projects are funded through the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Grant Program, which is administered by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The City will provide matching funds and labor.

The projects utilize low-impact development techniques that will reduce the amount of stormflow and pollution entering Tripps and Four Mile Runs. Approximately 2,000 square feet of impervious surface will be removed from the upper parking lot behind City Hall and replaced with a grassed paving surface and two rain gardens designed to collect runoff from the lot. A filtering device will also be installed to remove oil and sediment from runoff not absorbed by the two rain gardens.

Additionally, cisterns will be installed at both City Hall (300 Park Ave.) and the property yard (7100 Gordon Road) to collect roof rainwater. Five cisterns will be located under gutter downspouts at the property yard building, and one will be placed at City Hall. The six large-capacity cisterns combined will hold 24,000 gallons of runoff water. The water collected will be used for irrigation throughout the City, to wash City vehicles, and to flush storm and sanitary sewers. The City currently uses approximately 4,000 gallons of water per day for these purposes.

The projects will exemplify water quality best management practices and low-impact development for homeowners and developers in the region. Educational signage will be posted to explain the projects' components. Also, the cisterns will remain partially clear so City residents can view the level of water collected.

City personnel will construct most of the project, however removal of the City Hall parking lot curb and gutter and installation of the grassed paving surface will be handled by contractors responsible for resurfacing the remainder of the lot.

For more information, please contact the City's Planning Division at 703-248-5040.

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